

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 705 - SB 1368

March 11, 2019

SUMMARY OF BILL: Adds the sale or distribution of a substance containing fentanyl, carfentanil, or any opiate with intent and premeditation to commit murder as an aggravating factor to be considered when the sentencing court is considering the death penalty.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the Department of Correction, there has been an average of 59.4 first degree murder admissions each year over the last five years.
- Based on information provided by the Department of Correction, drugs, narcotics, and sleeping pills were the identified weapon used for less than one percent of murders occurring each year over the last five years; therefore, any impact to state or local government resulting from adding the sale or distribution of a substance containing fentanyl, carfentanil, or any opiate with intent and premeditation to commit murder as an aggravating factor considered by the sentencing court for consideration of the death penalty is estimated to be not significant.
- Any impact to the court system is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner".

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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